

Falling Short:

Mismatch between hourly wages and cost of living for families in Baltimore

Even full-time workers in Baltimore struggle to gain economic independence when faced with the costs of raising young children.

economic independence or breaking even point

let's do the math...

full-time wages

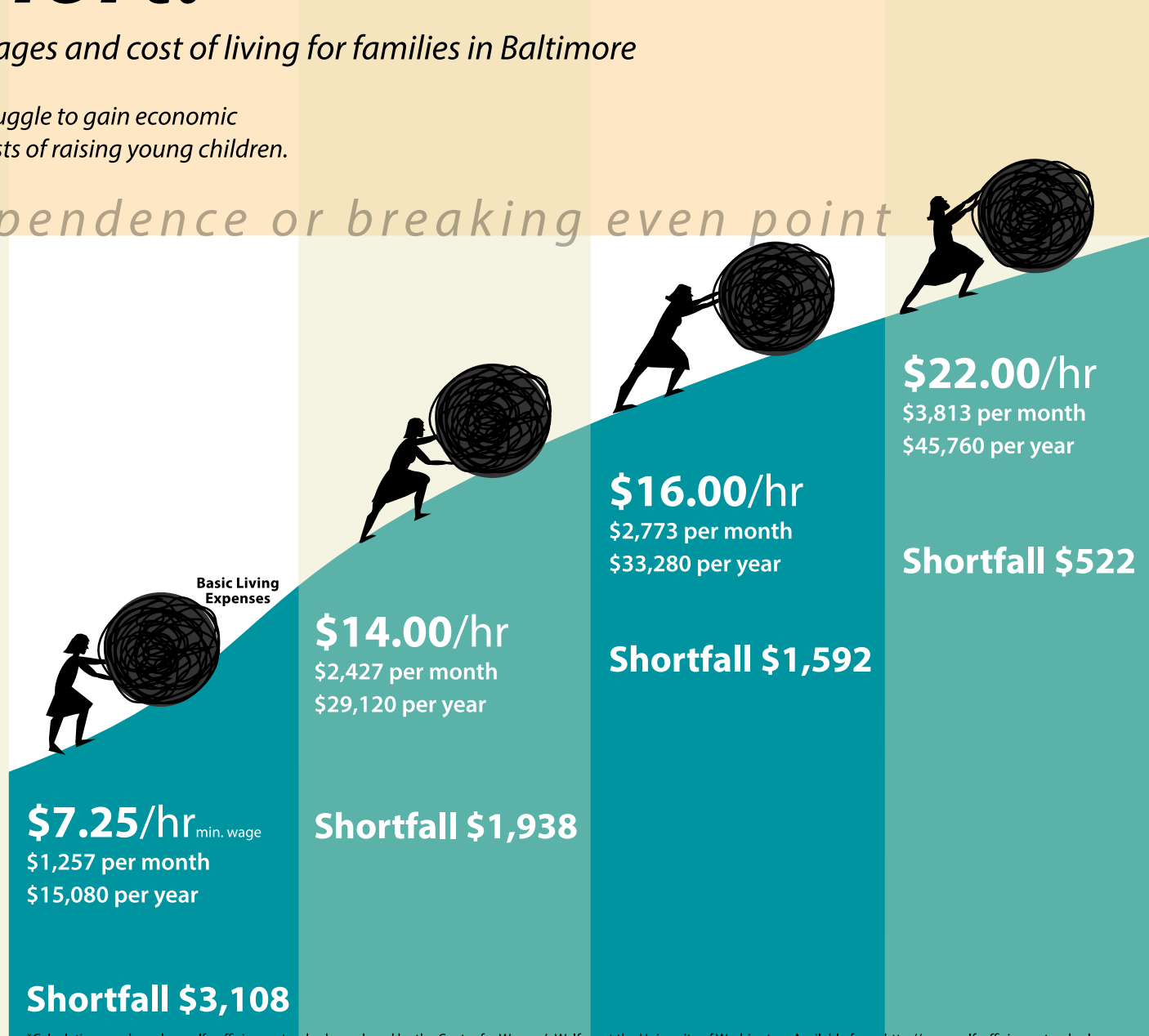
— basic monthly living expenses

monthly shortfall

Basic monthly living expenses
for 1 adult, 1 infant and
1 preschooler in Baltimore

Housing	\$ 1,031
Childcare	\$ 1,331
Food	\$ 522
Transportation	\$ 94
Healthcare	\$ 408
Misc.	\$ 339
Taxes	\$ 907

Total \$4,632
monthly cost of living



Economic Independence



\$24.80/hr
\$4,365 per month
\$52,382 per year

\$22.00/hr
\$3,813 per month
\$45,760 per year

Shortfall \$0

\$16.00/hr
\$2,773 per month
\$33,280 per year

Shortfall \$522

\$14.00/hr
\$2,427 per month
\$29,120 per year

Shortfall \$1,592

\$7.25/hr min. wage
\$1,257 per month
\$15,080 per year

Shortfall \$1,938

Shortfall \$3,108